

EXPANSION OF VIETNAM ERA FOR CERTAIN VETERANS

- 1. PURPOSE:** This change to Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive 96-071 is to amend the definition of Vietnam Era found in paragraph 2.b.
- 2. POLICY:** Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-275, The Veterans Benefits Improvements Act of 1996, enacted on October 16, 1996, amended the definition of Vietnam Era.
- 3. ACTION:** Paragraph 2.b. of VHA Directive 96-071 is amended to read: "In all other cases, the period beginning August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975.
- 4. REFERENCE:** Pub. L. 104-275, dated October 16, 1996.
- 5. FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITY:** The Director, Health Administration Services (161) is responsible for the contents of this Directive.
- 6. RECISSION:** This VHA Directive expires November 1, 1997.

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